And let another half stand laughing by,
All out of work, and cold for action[8]!

ELY. Awake remembrance of these valiant dead,
And with your puissant arm renew their feats;
You are their heir, you sit upon their throne;
The blood and courage, that renowned them,
Runs in your veins; and my thrice-puissant liege
Is in the very May-morn of his youth,
Ripe for exploits and mighty enterprizes.

EXE. Your brother kings and monarchs of the earth
Do all expect that you should rouse yourself,
As did the former lions of your blood.

WEST. They know, your grace hath cause, and means, and might;
So hath your highness[9]; never king of England

[8] — and COLD for action!] i. e. cold for *want* of action. So Lyly, in Euphues and his England, 1581: "—if he were too long for the bed, Procrustes cut off his legs, for *catching cold*." i. e. *for fear* of catching cold. MALONE.

I always regarded the epithet *cold* as too clear to need explanation. The soldiers were eager to *warm* themselves by *action*, and were cold for want of it. A more recondite meaning, indeed, may be found in a meaning which will be best illustrated by a line in Statius, Theb. vi. 395:

Concurrit summos *animos umbrigus* in artus.

STEEVENS.

[9] They know, your GRACE HATH cause, and means, and might:
So hath your highness:] We should read:
[a] ——your *race hath* cause,"
which is carrying on the sense of the concluding words of Exeter;
"As did the former lions of your blood: **
meaning Edward III. and the Black Prince. WARBURTON.

I do not see but the present reading may stand as I have pointed it. JOHNSON.

Warburton's amendment is unnecessary: but surely we should point the passage thus:
"They know your grace hath cause;
[a] and means, and might,
[a] So hath your highness:"
Meaning that the king had not only a good cause, but force to support it. *So*, in this place, has the force of *also*, or *likewise*.